

**MACON COUNTY R-1 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2004**

The Macon County R-I Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 26, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Allison Rowland, Eugene Stueve, Jim Cerva, Danny Orbin, Scott Blodgett, David Hamilton, and Toni Riekeberg.

President Riekeberg called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. She noted that no one had signed up for public comment and then asked everyone to stand and join her in the pledge to the flag.

President Riekeberg asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda, which consisted of:

- A. Approval of agenda.
- B. Minutes of previous meeting.
- C. Attendance report.
- D. Revenue/expenditure comparison.
- E. Treasurer's report.
- F. Monthly bills.

Dr. Long reported on the core data report that was submitted to DESE which included two counts, one in September the other in January of this school year. The count showed a September membership of 1,246.48 and a January membership of 1,217.76, which is a decrease of 28.72 students during the school year.

Dr. Long reported that the MSBA Spring Region 3 meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, March 15, at Palmyra High School. The program will include a legislative update and awarding of an attendance scholarship. Board members were to let Dr. Long know if they want to be registered.

Dr. Long reported that the tax levy campaign is progressing at a fairly rapid pace. He has approximately thirty-four meetings scheduled to talk to the public about the facts surrounding Proposition C. The response has been very positive in the eight meetings he has conducted so far.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Long requested staff input regarding when to make up the four snow days that were missed. The majority chose to add three days to the end of the school calendar; May 19, 20, and 21 and to change March 8th from a professional development day to a student attendance day. Dr. Long recommended this proposal and asked for a motion to amend the calendar.

A motion was made by Allison Rowland, seconded by Jim Cerva and passed unanimously to amend the 2003-2004 school calendar to make up for the four missed snow days by adding May 19, 20, and 21 to the end of the calendar, and by changing the March 8th scheduled professional development day to a student attendance day.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Shoemaker, District 8 State Representative addressed the board. He said he was in favor of the Proposition C tax levy and gave the following reasons: (1) improvements that were done were badly needed, (2) rather support local taxes-you know where the money is going, (3) state government reorganization is needed in Jefferson City, (4) Macon's levy is low, and (5) declining enrollment means less money to the district. Mr. Shoemaker also stated that in a little over two weeks that he felt the appropriations committee would restore the unfunded money that was withheld from the schools. He also stated based on the budget, without tax increases \$19-million more will go to the funding formula. He thinks the worst is over and the economy will be O.K. after 2005.

President Riekeberg appointed Allison Rowland as a delegate and Scott Blodgett as alternate for the MSBA Spring meeting.

Vocational Director Mickey Briscoe requested the Board's permission to bid the building trade's project for the next school year. This is done to explain the procedure to the public; bidding of the project has gone very well for the last several years. This is an annual process that allows the class to construct a project, usually a single family home, for the bidder who bids the percentage price of the cost of materials. Mr. Briscoe was going to rewrite the criteria to clear up the selection process. A motion was made by Jim Cerva, seconded by Danny Orbin and passed unanimously to grant permission to Mickey Briscoe to bid the building trade's project for the 2004-2005 school year.

Dr. Long read Charolette Murdock's letter of resignation that had been accepted at last month's board meeting.

A motion was made by Eugene Stueve, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of Sheryl Perkins, effective at the end of this school year.

A motion was made by David Hamilton, seconded by Allison Rowland and passed unanimously to accept the resignation of LaRue Smithson, effective at the end of this school year.

President Riekeberg read thank you cards the board had received.

Dr. Long recognized the following students and staff.

Middle school gifted students in Moberly contest; Barbara White, teacher.
Clarence Cannon Conference Band members; Jamie Baker, band director, Mary File, assistant band director.

Barbara Shumard for her library contribution.

Principal Nuhn wanted to recognize the middle school basketball sports teams, they received the sportsmanship award in the Monroe City tournament.

Set the next regular scheduled board meeting date to be Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Allison Rowland moved that the Macon R-1 Board of Education enter into executive session as provided by Missouri Law, Section 610.021, for the purpose of discussing personnel, specifically employment of certificated and non-certificated personnel. Macon R-1 Board Policy BC, Section 3, states that “The Board reserves the right, as provided by law, to conduct closed meetings, including any records or votes, to the extent that they relate to: actions relating to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of particular district employees.” Jim Cerva seconded the motion. Those voting yea – Allison Rowland, Jim Cerva, Danny Orbin, Eugene Stueve, David Hamilton, Scott Blodgett, and Toni Riekeberg. Those voting nay- none. Motion passed.

Toni Riekeberg, President

Deborah Baker, Secretary